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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA OAKLAND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) No. CR 95-40209 CW
Plaintiff, v.)) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION) REGARDING DEFENDANT'S
MASALA MAJID JAMES,) ADMISSION OF VIOLATIONS OF THE
Defendant.) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HIS) SUPERVISED RELEASE OR) PROBATION)

The magistrate court recommends to the district court that it accept the defendant's admission to a violation of the terms and conditions of his supervision as charged in the petition filed on October 25, 2007. Specifically, on July 13, 2010, the defendant admitted charge one -- that he violated the general condition that he obey all laws -- and admitted specifically that he was convicted of bank robbery in violation of California Penal Code § 211 on May 10, 2010 in Alameda Superior Court, docket number H45120, and was sentenced on June 9, 2010 to 18 years' custody. The parties agreed on the record that at sentencing, the Probation Officer would withdraw the other charge alleged in the petition and that all parties (government, defense, and probation) would recommend the following sentence: 24 months' custody to run concurrently with the 18-year state sentence imposed in the underlying state case with no term of supervision to follow. Given that the defendant is now serving his state sentence at San Quentin prison, he will ask the Court at sentencing to recommend to the Bureau of Prisons that it house him at San Quentin. The parties and

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James acknowledged specifically that their sentencing recommendation is a recommendation only that is not binding on the district court.

The magistrate court also makes the following findings:

- 1. On the hearing date set forth above, with the assistance of counsel, the defendant waived his right to admit the violations in district court and instead consented to admit the violations in a hearing in magistrate court. Specifically, the magistrate court advised him that he had a right to admit the violations in district court and that under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 59, he could waive that right and consent to admit the violations in a hearing in magistrate court. The magistrate court also advised him that it would issue a written report recommending that the district court accept the admissions, that the district court would review the recommendation and decide whether to accept the admissions, and that the district court and not the magistrate court would sentence him. The magistrate court also advised him of the procedures (also set forth at the end of this order) for challenging the magistrate court's recommendation. The defendant then waived his right to proceed in district court and consented to the magistrate court's conducting the hearing regarding the admission of the supervised release violations.
- 2. The magistrate court then reviewed, and the defendant acknowledged that he understood, the following: (a) the nature of the charge and the maximum penalty he faced; (b) his rights under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.1(b)(2); (c) the district court, not the magistrate court, would conduct the sentencing; and (d) the parties' sentencing agreement was not binding on the district court.
- 3. After the advisements set forth in Rule 32.1(b)(2) and summarized here, the defendant waived his right to a Rule 32.1(b)(2) hearing and admitted the charges summarized above. The magistrate court found that he was fully competent and capable of admitting the charges in the petition, that he was aware of the nature of the charges and the consequences of admitting them, and that his admission and waiver of rights were knowing and voluntary. This court thus recommends to the district court that it accept the defendant's admissions.
- 4. Any party may serve and file specific written objections within fourteen days after being served with a copy of this order. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Crim. P. 59. Failure to file REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION 2 CR 95-40209 CW

Case 4:95-cr-40209-CW Document 131 Filed 07/13/10 Page 3 of 3 objections within the specified time may waive a party's right to review. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 59(b). At the parties' request, this court set the matter for further proceedings before the district court on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

IT IS SO RECOMMENDED.

Dated: July 13, 2010

LAUREL BEELER United States Magistrate Judge

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